

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 were examined. Claims 12-13 are amended. Claims -12 are canceled. Claims 3-13 remain in the Application.

The Patent Office found claims 3-11 allowable over the prior art of record. The Patent Office rejected claims 1-2 and 12-13. Claims 1-2 are canceled. Claims 12-13 depend from claim 3. Applicant believes claims 3-13 are allowable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent Office withdraw the rejection to claims 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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